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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNESCO, AORG

SUBJECT: UNESCO: U. S. INTEREST IN HIGH-LEVEL SECRETARIAT
POSITION

REF: PARIS 21039

1. DEPT. VIEWS UNESCO DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL POSITION AS
INHERENTLY WEAK. IT HAS NO CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS, IT HAS
NO CLEARLY DEFINED RESPONSIBILITIES, AND IT DOES NOT
ENJOY ANY BUILT-IN INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTH. ANY EFFECTIVE-
NESS IT HAS DERIVES SOLELY FROM THE PERSONAL CONFIDENCE
THAT THE DIRECTOR GENERAL HAS IN THE INCUMBENT. WE SEE
NO POSSIBILITY OF ASSURING THAT ANY AMERICAN, REGARDLESS
OF QUALIFICATIONS, WOULD BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN
THE CONFIDENCE OF M'BOW, AND WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT IT IS
NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE U. S. THAT AN AMERICAN
SUCCEED FOBES AS DDG.

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2. WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT THE U. S- INTEREST IS MORE
LIKELY TO BE SERVED BY HAVING AN AMERICAN AT THE ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR GENERAL LEVEL OF UNESCO, WHERE SOME MEASURE OF
INFLUENCE IS ASSURED BY THE STRUCTURES OF THE INSTITUTION.
YOU SHOULD CONVEY TO M'BOW THE MESSAGE THAT, UPON THE
DEPARTURE OF FOBES FROM UNESCO, THE U. S. LOOKS FORWARD TO
HAVING AN AMERICAN APPOINTED AS AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

GENERAL, AND THAT THE U. S. DOES NOT SEEK THE DDG SLOT AGAIN. YOU SHOULD LET M'BOW KNOW THAT WE WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN ADG FOR COMMUNICATIONS, SHOULD HE ESTABLISH A SEPARATE COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR AND PLACE THERE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR UNESCO'S MASS MEDIA ACTIVITIES. (FYI: WE REALIZE THIS WOULD BE A HARD LUMP FOR M'BOW TO SWALLOW, BUT IT IS WORTH TRYING. WE DO NOT WISH TO IDENTIFY AN EXISTING ADG SLOT AS OF INTEREST TO US, BECAUSE OF THE INFERENCE THIS MIGHT CARRY THAT WE ARE GUNNING FOR THE INDIVIDUAL NOW IN THAT JOB. END FYI)

3. PERM DEL SHOULD NOT, RPT NOT, INDICATE TO M'BOW THAT THE U. S. WILL REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE DDG POSITION UNDER ANY AND ALL CONDITIONS. IT MIGHT BE THE ONLY SENIOR POSITION M'BOW WOULD BE WILLING TO OFFER US, AND WE WOULD NOT WANT TO CUT OURSELVES OUT OF THE SENIOR LEVEL COMPLETELY BY REFUSING THE ONLY SUCH POSITION OFFERED US.

4. PERM DEL MAY GET WORD TO M'BOW BY CHANNEL THAT APPEARS BEST SUITED. REQUEST REPORT ON STEPS TAKEN BY PERM DEL. VANCE

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